

Options Workgroup Meeting Notes July 22, 2002

I. Welcome and Introductions

Evalyn Greb opened the meeting with a brief review of Dr. Mark Meiner's July 17th presentation to the Planning Committee and his informal talk with the Options Workgroup immediately following the Planning Committee meeting. **It was announced to the group that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) was interested in partnering with San Diego County to further support the efforts of the LTCIP through Dr. Meiners Medicare/Medicaid Integration Program!**

The long-term goal of the Options Workgroup is to present a managed care, fee-for-service, and other option for LTCIP to the Board of Supervisors in six months. The current focus of the Options Workgroup will shift slightly to address Dr. Meiners micro strategy suggestions for developing key components for long term care integration. The short-term goals for the group will be to explore, analyze, develop and make final recommendations regarding Dr. Meiners' suggestions to forward to RWJF this Fall.

II. Attendance

Sara Barnett, Linda Bethel, Viviana Criado, Burton Disner, Laurie Edwards-Tate, Maxine Fischer, Tom Galey, Teresa Graves, Evalyn Greb, Jen Guthrie, Leslie Hine-Rabichow, Julie Johnston, Betty London, Leane Marchese, Bob Prath, Susan Saegs, Brenda Schmitthenner, Rick Wanne, Cheryl Wilson

III. LTCIP Decision-Making Process Review

The LTCIP organizational chart was handed out to address questions about the decision-making process that were brought up during the first Options Workgroup meeting. Group consensus was that the Options Workgroup would follow the same decision-making process as indicated by the LTCIP organizational chart.

IV. Micro strategies/building blocks suggested by Dr. Meiners

- Network of Care implementation and local testing and tailoring
- Primary Care case management model (PCCM)
- Voluntary managed care pilots and examination of the current aged, blind and disabled (ABD) population voluntarily enrolled in Healthy San Diego (HSD)

V. Strategy Groups

Members of the Options Workgroup divided into strategy sub-groups that will address Dr. Meiner's suggestions. Please see attachment for strategy group members. The strategy sub-groups are:

1. Network of Care: the Network of Care is a web-based, single point of information and access program about San Diego social services and some health services. Its rollout date is slated for September 2002. Dr. Meiners suggested that the program be tested by providers and consumers for improvements and upgrades for San Diego.

Chair: Bob Prath (619-390-7451)

Meeting Date/Time : August 7, 2002 from 10:00 AM to Noon

Location: AIS, Hazard View Room, 9335 Hazard Way, San Diego, 92123

2. PCCM: this is a managed FFS model in which the State provides a financial incentive to the physician's office to coordinate medical and social services for the patient. Among other

things, the model requires a tremendous amount of input from physician groups as well as physician outreach and education.

Chairs: Brenda Schmitthenner (760-739-6193) and Teresa Graves 9858-499-4655)

Meeting Dates/Times: July 31, 2002 & August 15, 2002 from 2 to 4 PM

Location: Sharp Healthcare, 8695 Spectrum Center Ct, San Diego, 92123

7/31: Room #137; and 8/15: Room #182

3. Health Plans/Pilots: this strategy group will look at designing an assessment survey of current Healthy San Diego ABD enrollees as well as identifying voluntary pilots willing to test integration models in San Diego.

Chair: Leane Marchese (619-284-9281)

Meeting Date/Time : August 5, 2002 at 2:30 PM

Location: ElderHelp of San Diego, 4069 30th St., San Diego, 92104

VI. Other concerns and group discussion

- What will happen if we don't reform the current LTC system? Should the "do nothing" option be further explored or made into a sub-group? It was decided that forming a separate sub-group was not necessary, but that statistics and information about current and projected LTC costs, quality, etc., should be compiled as a point of comparison for the other strategies.
- A suggestion was made to look at the various Medicare case management demonstration projects currently going on across the nation in order to gather useful background information for the PCCM strategy group.
- Potential response to the State mandating ABD into Medi-Cal managed care predicates a need to develop a model that may be similar to the Oregon Health Plan. Jim McConnell is scheduled to present next month to the Planning Committee about the Oregon model. The Network of Care strategy would also greatly assist HSD Health Plans if this scenario did occur.
- Need to continue to develop design of fully integrated care model.

VII. Closing

There will be a special meeting after the August 14 Planning Committee for the Options Workgroup with Jim McConnell. The meeting will be at AIS from 12:30 to 2:30 PM.

The next formal options workgroup meeting will be on August 19, 2002 from 1 to 2:30 PM in the AIS Training Room.